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APPARATUS**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Sir :

In response to the Final Office Action of November 20, 2009, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on February 22, 2010 (February 20, 2010 falling on a Saturday), Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Final Office Action in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in a **Listing of the Claims** beginning on page 2.  
**Remarks** begin on page 8.  
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